IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 31, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth therein is respectfully requested, in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

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